

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON NIGHT FLIGHTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a): whether many foreign countries have banned night flight movements of aircrafts in their countries;
- (b): if so, the details in this regard;
- (c): the details of the international aviation rules/norms in this regard;
- (d): whether the Government of India has raised this issue with such countries and international civil aviation organization;
- (e): if so, the details and the reaction of such countries/organization in this regard; and
- (f): the details of international flights of national carriers affected due to such night ban?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)& (b): Yes, Sir. 227 airports in the world have curfews which includes a ban on all flights during the night time i.e. from 1000 or 1100 hours to 0600 or 0700 hours. Out of these 227 airports, 115 are in Europe, 71 in North America and the remainder spread over other regions such as Africa, Asia and Latin America.

(c): Annex 16 to the Chicago Convention provides for a balanced approach to the noise management which comprises of identifying the noise problem at an airport, and then analyzing the various measures available to reduce it, to address the noise problem in the most cost effective manner.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The Government of India has raised the issue at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal which is the forum for raising matters of civil aviation. A Working Paper on the issue was also presented by India in the recently concluded ICAO General Assembly Session held in Montreal in September 2007. There was a general sympathy for the views expressed by India and ICAO accepted to conduct further studies on the issue. (f): National Aviation Company of India Ltd (NACIL) operates to various countries such as United Kingdom, France, Germany, Japan, Hong Kong and Canada where night curfew is imposed. However, the flights of NACIL are scheduled to avoid the night curfew time.